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WELCOME

In this edition, we'll focus on all of the fun things to look forward to in the month of March—the beginning of Spring, Saint Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss' birthday, and Women's History Month!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Celebrate beloved author Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day

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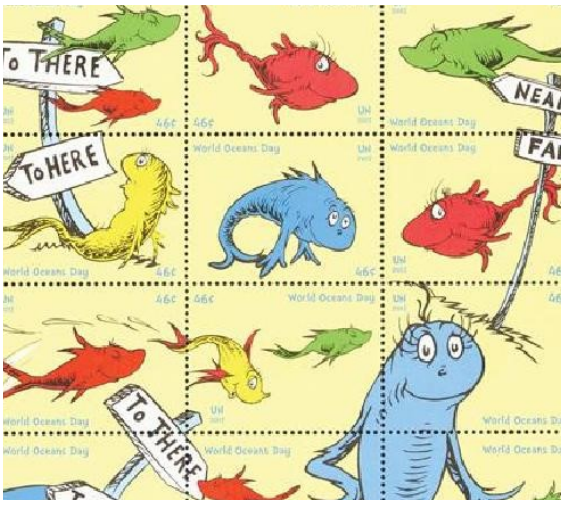

THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

Explore fun facts about Ireland and Saint Patrick's Day

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WOMEN IN HISTORY

Learn about some of the great women of American history in honor of Women's History Month

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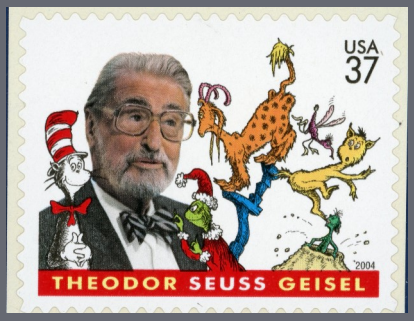


Scott 3835
37¢ Dr. Seuss
Issue Date: March 2, 2004
City: La Jolla, CA
Quantity Issued: 172,000,000

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

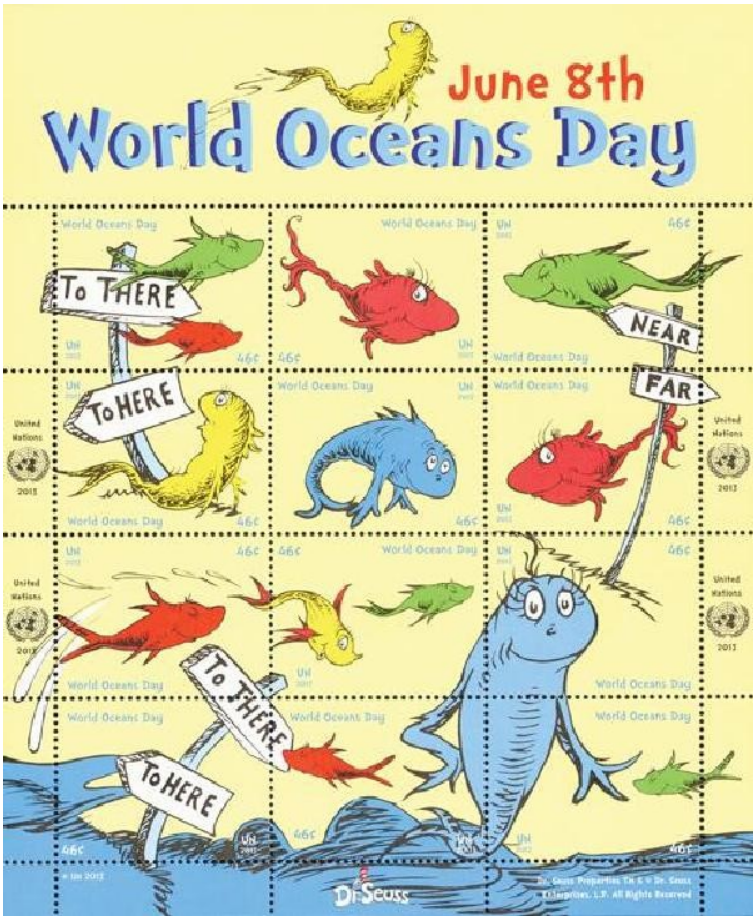
Seuss died on September 24, 1991. Over the course of his life he wrote more than 60 books and sold over 222 million copies. His birthday has since come to be celebrated as Read Across America Day.

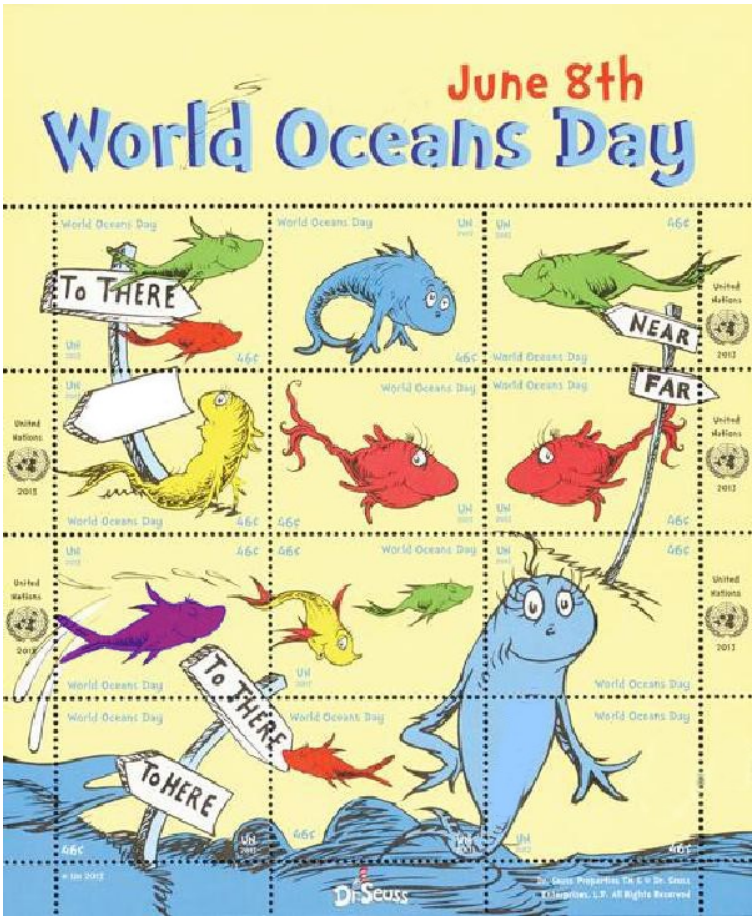
Scott 3187h
33¢ Celebrate the Century—1950s
Issue Date: May 26, 1999
City: Sprngfield, MA
Quantity Issued: 12,533,000

Scott 3989
39¢ Favorite Children's Book Animals
Issue Date: January 10, 2006
City: Findlay, OH
Quantity Issued: 192,000,000

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are eight differences between the two panes of stamps below. Can you find them all?





WHERE IS IT?

IRELAND

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

LOCATION:
Find Europe on a map or globe. Go to 8 degrees latitude and between 50 and 60 degrees longitude

CAPITAL:
Dublin

AREA:
70,273 km² or 27,133 mi² (about the size of West Virginia)

POPULATION:
4.9 million (about the same as Alabama)

PRESIDENT:
Michael D. Higgins

LANGUAGES:
Irish and English

CURRENCY:
100 cents = 1 euro

FLAG:

HISTORIC FACTS

- Ireland is nicknamed the Emerald Isle because it is known for its beautiful green countryside. However, about 15,000 years ago Ireland was completely covered by this glaciers. The movement of these giant sheets of ice stripped away the soil, leaving large, flat areas of exposed limestone.

- Celtic tribes first settled on the island between 600-150 BC. Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is credited with converting the island to Christianity before his death at the end of the 5th century.

- Fearsome Viking raids finally ended when King Brian Boru defeated the Danes in 1014.

- English settlements, which began about 100 years later, launched more than 700 years of struggles between the English and the Irish over who would rule the island.

- In 1916, the Irish Easter Rebellion set off several years of guerilla war that led to independence in 1922 for the 26 southern Irish counties. Six northern counties remained under British rule as part of the United Kingdom.

STAMP FACTS

- British postage stamps were used in Ireland until 1922 when British stamps were overprinted with Provisional Government of Ireland by the postal authorities of the new republic.
- The first set of stamps printed especially for use in Ireland showed a map of the country and symbols important to the Irish people.
- Irish stamps are very attractive and well designed. As a result, they are popular with American collectors.
- Irish postage stamps have honored many Irish-Americans, like actor Barry Fitzgerald and President John F. Kennedy.
- In 1981, Ireland and the United states issued a stamp with the same design in honor of James Hoban, the Irish architect who designed the American White House.
- On January 1, 2002, Ireland converted from the Irish Pound to the euro as its national currency and new stamps were issued valued in euros.

1922-1923—The four designs that were used for the first set of stamps printed for Ireland.

1981—Ireland and US James Hoban stamps.

1988—Barry Fitzgerald commemorative stamp; 2013—A stamp marking the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's state visit to Ireland in June 1963.

2002—Introduction of the euro.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chicago has been celebrating St. Patrick's Day by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tons of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

- St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. The holiday honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who is said to have died on that day in 461 AD.
- In Ireland, people wear green clothing, attend church and watch Saint Patrick's Day parades to celebrate the holiday.

- The traditional symbols for the Saint Patrick's Day are the shamrock, leprechauns, green, a harp, the Celtic cross and the Blarney Stone.
- There are 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every four-leaf clover. That's why they are so lucky to find!

WOMEN ON US POSTAGE STAMPS

The US Postal Service has honored many individual women on postage stamps. These women were recognized for accomplishments which displayed their courage, diplomacy, leadership, foresight, intelligence, ambition, dedication, and creativity.

QUEEN ISABELLA

In 1893, Queen Isabella became the first woman on a US postage stamp. Queen Isabella helped support Christopher Columbus' 1492 voyage, and 1893 marked the end of a year-long celebration of the 400th anniversary of that voyage.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

Susan B. Anthony has been featured on two US stamps. A commemorative stamp was issued in 1936. It honored her on the 16th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. She still remains a symbol of the fight for equal opportunity and rights for women.

In 1955, a 50-cent stamp with her image was issued as part of the Liberty series.

BABE ZAHARIAS

In an Associated Press poll, Babe Zaharias was voted the "Woman Athlete" of the first half of the 20th century. She was a champion performer in basketball, track and field, and golf. At the 1932 Olympics she won the gold medal in two events. As a golfer, Babe captured almost every women's golf title.

Her commemorative stamp was issued September 22, 1981 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, NC.

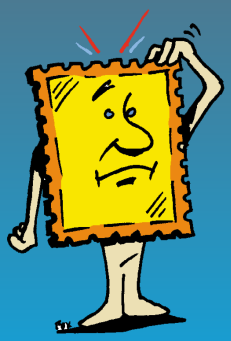
HARRIET TUBMAN

In 1978, Harriet Tubman became the first African American woman to be honored on a postage stamp. Born a slave, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom using the "Underground Railroad" before and during the civil war. She also served the Union Army as a spy, scout, and nurse.

Where is Stamp Man?

Stamp Man is a friendly YSCA member who appears in every issue of the Newsletter. However, he is shy and likes to hide. Find where Stamp Man is hiding!

Email ysca@stamps.org with the location of our friend. Include your mailing address in your e-mail and you will receive some stamps for your collection!



Last Month's Answers:

- Stamp Man was on page 3
- Stamp Sayings (page 6)
    1. Bee
    2. Mouse
    3. Bat
    4. Ox
    5. Peacock
    6. Elephant

WOMEN IN **HISTORY**

What did each woman on these stamps do as a job? Choose from the box below, and look for the answers in next month's newsletter!

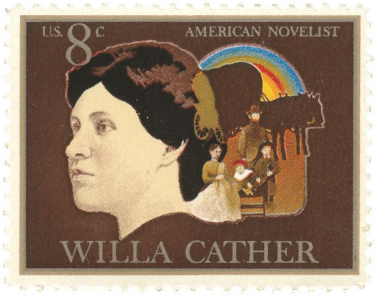
Politician and activist	Journalist
Doctor	Writer
Singer	

1990 25¢ Ida B. Wells (Scott 2442)

2005 37¢ Marian Anderson (Scott 3896)

1995 55¢ Alice Hamilton, M.D. (Scott 2940)

1963 5¢ Eleanor Roosevelt (Scott 1236)



1973 8¢ Willa Cather (Scott 1487)

IS IT **BASEBALL** SEASON YET?

For many, Spring means baseball. And one of the most famous names in baseball is Yogi Berra (1925-2015). In January, the US Postal Service announced that a stamp featuring Berra will be released in 2021 (date TBD).

This stamp salutes one of the best and most celebrated baseball players of his era, winning a record 10 World Series with the New York Yankees. The stamp art is an original digital portrait of Berra dressed in his Yankees cap, pinstripes and catcher's chest protector. Considered the best catcher in the American League in the 1950s, he was also a feared hitter, and in 1972 was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

SPRINGTIME **FLOWERS**

Flowers are a popular choice for topical collectors, and dozens of types of flowers can be found on US stamps. You'll find 12 of them pictured below. Can you identify them? The first letter is given to help you. If you need more help, some flowers are identified on the stamp itself; the others can be found with the stamp's description in stamp catalogues or online.

Note that there are numbers below some of the blank lines. When you have filled in all the letters, assemble those numbered letters in order to discover a secret message. You'll find the answers in next month's e-newsletter!

SECRET MESSAGE

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